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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ORIT SECRETARY GENERAL

1. ARTURO JAUREGUI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTER- AMERICAN REGIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ORIT), MADE UNPUBLICIZED VISIT TO CARACAS MAR 12-13. JAUREGUI' S PURPOSE WAS TO LINE UP SUPPORT FROM CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES DE VENEZUELA (CTV) FOR FORTH- COMING POLICY MEETING WITH MEANY OF AFL- CIO DURING ORIT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON DURING APRIL.
 2. JAUREGUI EXPRESSED TO LABOR ATTACHE HIS UNHAPPINESS THAT AFL- CIO SUPPORT OF ORIT HAS NOT INCREASED OVER PAST 20 YEARS, A FACT WHICH HAS PROGRESSIVELY LIMITED ORIT' S ACTIVITIES. HE INDI- CATED HE INTENDS TO PUSH STRONGLY FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT. JAUREGUI ALSO DISTURBED BY PERSONAL DIFFERENCES WITH AFL- CIO LATIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE MCLELLAN AND HOPES TO PERSUADE MEANY TO UPGRADE U. S. REPRESENTATION TO ORIT AT LEAST TO THE LEVEL OF AN AFL- CIO VICE PRESIDENT.
 3. JAUREGUI STATED THAT HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO WASHINGTON BY FRANCISCO OLIVO, PRESIDENT OF CTV; JOSE VARGAS, SECRETARY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; AND MANUEL PENALVER, AS WELL AS BY OTHER LATIN AMERICAN LABOR LEADERS. HE SPOKE HOPEFULLY OF A GROUP MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AND OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF OBTAINING RENEWED INTEREST AND GREATER SUPPORT FOR ORIT.
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